

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(c) and (e), relative to charter schools; to allow a
3 chartering authority to alter the time period within which a charter school must begin
4 operation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(c) and (e) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental
9 approval

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14 (c) A charter school shall begin operation by not later than twenty-four
15 months after the final approval of the charter, unless such charter school is engaged
16 in desegregation compliance issues and therefore must begin operation by not later
17 than thirty-six months. **However, upon request, the chartering authority may**
18 **extend the time period within which any charter school must begin operation.**

19 If such operation does not occur, the charter for that school shall be automatically
20 revoked although a new charter may be proposed ~~if the limit on the total number of~~
21 ~~charter schools allowed in the state has not been reached.~~

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(e) A charter school, once approved, ~~may begin operation only in July,~~
~~August, or September of a given year; however, such school~~ shall not begin
operation sooner than eight months after such approval is granted, **unless the**
chartering authority agrees to a lesser time period.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____